

PBF's partners visit to CHAD

20 to 25 October 2024
N'Djamena, Bol and Abéché

LOGISTICAL NOTE

BEFORE ARRIVAL

Packing guide. Since the visit includes field trips with internal flights, delegates are encouraged to prepare a separate, lighter bag, with a maximum weight of 8 kg, as required for UNHAS flights. The delegation should store their main luggage at the hotel La Residence in N'Djamena and leave their business attire in the capital for the field visit scheduled for Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23. **During field visits** light fabrics are ideal given Chad's climate. Cotton shirts, trousers, and skirts. Relatively remote areas include culturally sensitive sites, women might consider packing a light scarf or shawl, and both men and women should wear clothing covering the knees and shoulders. A pair of comfortable walking shoes are recommended for the field visits.

For the sun and sand sunglasses and sunscreen are recommended. Please note that the PBF welcome kit will include caps, T-shirts and reusable water bottles. As per electricity, Chad uses types C and E sockets, consider bringing a portable charger during the field visits.

Health and vaccinations. The yellow fever vaccination is required and may be requested at the airport of entry. The United Nations cannot cover hospitalization costs for non-UN staff. It is therefore strongly encouraged that all participants are covered by their own health or travel insurance. While pharmacies are available in the capital, it is recommended to bring some basic medications for headaches, fever and flu treatment etc. The organizers will also have some medications available, in case of need for the delegation. Traveler should be up to date on routine vaccinations while traveling to any destination. Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Yellow Fever and Typhoid vaccinations are also recommended. Typhoid and Malaria are the most common diseases.

Weather conditions in October

N'Djamena: October marks the start of the cooler season in Chad. However, expect daytime temperatures to be in the range of 27°C to 39°C, while nights can be cooler, dropping to around 25°C, with some humidity.

Abéché: This region experiences a savannah climate with a dry winter. In October, there is almost no rainfall. Temperatures drop to 20.8°C at night and can reach 36.6°C during the day. The climate is relatively dry, with occasional sand-laden winds. In summary the climate in October is favorable to travel to Abéché.

Bol: Situated in the centre of the country, in the province of Lake Chad, the province enjoys a Sahelian climate. In October, temperatures fluctuate between 31°C and 35°C during the day. No rainfall.

VISA AND TRAVEL TO/FROM CHAD

VIP welcome has been organized and each member of the delegation will be greeted upon arrival in the airport room just before visa processing. Look for a sign upon entering the room. Please print the invitation letter shared with you and bring it with you (you may be requested to show it upon boarding in your country of origin). All formalities have been arranged by the Resident Coordinator Office to facilitate your entry if you requested a visa upon arrival, depending on your nationality and travel documents as provided to the organizers. For any issue upon arrival, please call **Adneli Ngarhoudal** (+235 63900964).

TRANSPORT

Arrival: Please share your flights details as soon as possible - once flight details are provided; we will confirm if a UN minivan or car will pick you up at the airport upon arrival in N'Djamena. Thank you for sending your itinerary to appoline.uwimbabazi@un.org ; remadji.banyanan@wfp.org ; sara.bottin@un.org; CC: yahaya.balima@un.org

Road transport: All transportation has been organized for the delegation (from airports to hotel and between meetings). Travel during the field visit to Lake Chad (Bol), and Ouaddai (Abéché) regions will be ensured by the United Nations agencies present on site, in coordination with UN Resident Coordinator Office and local authorities.

UNHAS Flights: Reservations for UNHAS flights are organized by the RCO/PBF Secretariat. For the visit to Abéché, departure from N'Djamena is scheduled for Tuesday 22 October at 7:00 am. However, for the visit to Bol, there will be 2 flights carrying a maximum of 8 people each, the first at 07:00 am and the second at 09:40 am. Boarding passes will be distributed to the delegation on Monday at 06:30 pm, October 21 at the hotel La Residence. Please do not forget to bring your passport and boarding pass on Tuesday and Wednesday morning.

Departure: The RCO will facilitate a UN minivan and car to bring delegates to the airport.

Group bookings have been made by the RCO as follows:

Hotel Residence in N'Djamena, standard rooms for a single room per night are at the United Nations preferential rate of 87,000 FCFA per night, equivalent to 134 euros or 145 dollars, breakfast included. Payment by credit card is possible at this hotel.

Each participant will have to cover his/her individual expenses (hotel room during the mission, dry-cleaning, laundry, room service, minibar, etc...). Starting Sunday 20 October evening until Friday 25 October dinner, all meals will be organized and covered by RCO/PBF secretariat **except for** dinner on Tuesday, 22 October and dinner on Friday, 25 October.

Please note that the Residence hotel has ATM for cash withdrawals. Abéché also has cash ATMs.

The national currency is Franc CFA - UN operational Exchange rate as of October 4th: 1 USD = 594 CFA

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